

## CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

# Heavy Equipment Operations



## Do You Like ...

- ... solving problems?
- ... organization and detail?
- ... working with your hands?
- ... teamwork?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' Heavy Equipment Operations career training program.

## SKILLS

**Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a heavy equipment operator, including:**

- » Operating power construction equipment, such as motor graders, bulldozers, scrapers, compressors, or front-end loaders, in order to excavate, move, and grade earth, erect structures, or pour concrete or other hard-surface pavement.
- » Coordinating machine actions with crew members in response to hand or audio signals.
- » Cleaning, maintaining, and making basic repairs to equipment.

## EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

**While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:**

- » Commitment to safety
- » Attention to detail
- » Concern for others
- » Cooperation

**And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a heavy equipment operator, including having:**

- » Basic math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests

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## CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have **gained the knowledge and skills** to help you **succeed in your career**. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a Transportation training area can earn **nationally recognized credentials** and/or state licensure. Credentials such as these show that students have the skills and knowledge to work in transportation, logistics, and customer service.

## CAREER OPTIONS

Most **Heavy Equipment Operations graduates go to work for construction companies or contractors**. Heavy equipment operators work in almost every climate and weather condition. Some operators work in factories, mines, or remote locations, or on large construction projects such as highways and dams. Most heavy equipment operators work full time.



## SALARY

The average starting salary for most heavy equipment operators is **\$40,000/year**.

\*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit [www.mynextmove.org](http://www.mynextmove.org).



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